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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

CLINTON H. SCOTT License No. PC00199100

CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSURE

BOARD OF MARKIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

PROPESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

LICENSED TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the State of New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (the "Committee") upon receipt of information alleging that Clinton H. Scott's ("Respondent") credentials from Westport University in Utah did not meet the requirements for licensure as a professional counselor. The Committee conducted an investigative inquiry on January 6, 2005, at which Respondent appeared, pro se, and gave testimony regarding his educational background.

The Committee having throughly reviewed the entire record and the testimony obtained during the investigative inquiry from Respondent, finds that Respondent's credentials which include a

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology, both from Westport University, an institution not regionally accredited, do not satisfy the requirements for licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-41.2(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40(c), in that, Respondent does not possess a master's degree or a doctorate from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

The Respondent being desirous of resolving this matter without resort to formal proceedings and the Committee having determined that the following resolution is adequately protective of the public interest and welfare, and for good cause shown,

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this $17^{\frac{1}{12}}$ day of $\frac{1}{12}$, 2005, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey is hereby voluntarily surrendered with prejudice. Respondent shall immediately forward the original license and wall certificate issued by the Committee to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45017, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 2. Respondent shall cease and desist from any practice of professional counseling in the State of New Jersey effective upon entry of this Order.

- 3. Respondent shall be assessed the investigative costs to the State in this matter in the amount of \$90.00. Payment shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey. The payment shall be sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, State of New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45017, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 4. The entry of this Order shall resolve this matter solely on behalf of the State of New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and shall be without prejudice to any further investigation or prosecution of any matter by any other State board or agency or any other matter by the Committee.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS/COMMITTEE

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J. Barry Mascari, LPC

President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the State of New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee to enter this Order.

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Date